

# Congratulations, Seniors!



Best wishes and much love  
to our seniors

Andrew Aprigliano, Amara Ayler,  
Jordan Biener, Luis Cuji, Logan Rice,  
Nicole Sevilla, and Maddie Shea  
on their last drama production.

The Drama Club Parents' Association

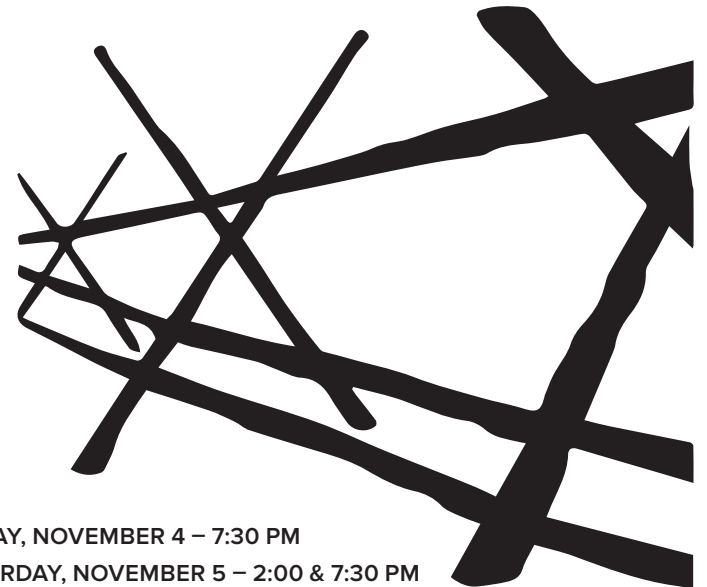
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HUNTINGTON HIGH SCHOOL DRAMA CLUB  
PRESENTS

# THE LARAMIE PROJECT



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4 – 7:30 PM

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5 – 2:00 & 7:30 PM

# The Laramie Project

by

**MOISES KAUFMAN**

**And the MEMBERS of TECTONIC THEATER PROJECT**

**Director**

Michael Schwendemann

**Technical Director**

Rob Krakehl

**Student Director**

Maddie Haughwout

**Set Dressing**

Dana Freed

**Backdrop**

Grosh Backdrops & Drapery

**Program**

Ellen Fleury

**Costumes**

Dana Freed

The US West World Premiere was produced by  
The Denver Center Theatre Company  
Donovan Marley, Artistic Director  
in association with  
Tectonic Theater Project  
Moises Kaufman, Artistic Director.

Originally produced in New York City at the Union Square Theatre  
by Roy Gabay and Tectonic Theater Project  
in association with Gayle Francis and the Araca Group  
Associate Producers: Mara Isaacs and Hart Sharp Entertainment.

THE LARAMIE PROJECT  
Written by Moises Kaufman  
and the Members of the Tectonic Theater Project

HEAD WRITER  
Leigh Fondakowski

ASSOCIATE WRITERS  
Stephen Belber, Greg Pierotti, Stephen Wangh

DRAMATURGS  
Amanda Gronich, Sarah Lambert, John McAdams,  
Maude Mitchell, Andy Paris, Barbara Pitts, Kelli Simpkins

**AUTHOR'S NOTES**

*The Laramie Project* was written through a unique collaboration by Tectonic Theater Project. During the year-and-a-half development of the play, members of the company and I traveled to Laramie six times to conduct interviews with the people of the town. We transcribed and edited the interviews, then conducted several workshops in which the members of the company presented material and acted as dramaturgs in the creation of the play.

As the volume of material grew with each additional trip to Laramie, a small writers' group from within the company began to work closely with me to further organize and edit the material, conduct additional research in Laramie, and collaborate on the writing of the play. This group was led by Leigh Fondakowski as Head Writer, with Stephen Belber and Greg Pierotti as Associate Writers.

As we got closer to the play's first production in Denver, the actors, including Stephen Belber and Greg Pierotti, turned their focus to performance, while Leigh Fondakowski continued to work with me on drafts of the play, as did Stephen Wangh, who by then had joined us as an Associate Writer and "bench coach."

## Director's Notes

The most asked question I have faced this fall is this... why? Why what? Why *The Laramie Project*? Before I could even utter a word people would give me their reasons:

What—are you trying to make a political statement? Is this some sort of response to what is happening in North Carolina? Are you trying to sway new voters in an election year? Do you have some sort of agenda? The answer to each one of these questions—no. I wanted to tell a story—a story that should never need to be told—the story of a man that went to his death for no other reason than being himself. It doesn't matter that Matthew Shepard was gay—what matters is the simple truth that in America today people are being killed simply for who they are—whether it's their gender, their religion, their lifestyle, their color or occupation. Violence seems to have replaced baseball as America's national pastime. How do we stop the bleeding? By maybe realizing that we should celebrate our differences rather than use them as a vehicle of judgment and hatred. As trite and hackneyed as that may sound—which world would you rather be a part of? The choice is ours. Enjoy the show.

## Special Thanks

*"Oh, my God... Anybody else wanna do this?"*

**Kathy Shea**

For doing everything I forget to do

**Deb Ciccone**

For the photos

**Ellen Fleury**

For sticking around

**Dana Freed**

For everything

**Victoria Garbarino**

For gracing us amazingly

**The Drama Club Parents**

For taking the ride

**The Secretaries**

For keeping me on task & getting us everything we need

**Eric Reynolds**

For looking out for us

**Brenden Cusack**

&

**James Polansky**

For the support

# Cast

Stephen Belber ..... **Logan Rice**

Doc O'Connor

Bill McKinney

Fred Phelps

Aaron McKinney

Gov. Geringer

John McAdams ..... **Zubair Ali**

Moises Kaufman

Stephen Mead Johnson

Harry Woods

Andy Paris ..... **Keenan Lyons**

Jedediah Schultz

Russell Henderson

Anonymous friend of Aaron McKinney

Greg Pierotti ..... **Peter Ciccone**

Sgt. Hing

Father Roger Schmitt

Jonas Slonaker

Rob Debree

Narrator ..... **Robert Jean-Gilles**

Shadow

Bailiff

Matt Galloway ..... **Luis Cuji**

Conrad Miller

Mormon Spiritual Advisor

Cal Rerucha

Judge ..... **Andrew Aprigliano**

Email Writer

Jon Peacock

Andrew Gomez ..... **Danny Arias**

Gil Engen

Philip Dubois ..... **William Fallon**

Murdoch Cooper

Dr. Cantway

Dennis Sheppard

Juror

Rulon Stacey ..... **Maddie Shea**

Marge Murray

Baptist Minister

Trish Steger

Kelli Simpkins ..... **Isabella Cahill**

Zackie Salmon

Alison Mears

Tiffany Edwards

Minister's Wife

Mercedes Herreo ..... **Jordan Biener**

Reggie Fluty

Rebecca Hilliker

Waitress

Sherry Johnson

Shannon

Eileen Engen ..... **Amelia Maggio**

Catherine Connolly

Sherry Aenonson

Lucy Thompson

Barbara Pitts ..... **Amelia Reilly**

April Silva

Zubaida Ula

Jeffrey Lockwood

Jen

Leigh Fondakowski ..... **Amara Ayler**

Romaine Patterson

Aaron Kreifils

Newsperson 4

Jury Foreman

Amanda Gronich ..... **LJ Kindall**

Phil LaBrie

Russell Henderson's Home Teacher

Juror

Doug Laws ..... **Abby Semelsberger**

Kerry Drake

Matt Mickelson

Kristin Price ..... **Natalie Ciccone**

Kerry Drake (Reporter)

Newsperson 3

Juror

Newsperson 1 ..... **Nicole Sevilla**

Juror

Newsperson 2 ..... **Faith Youngquist**

Juror

## Stage Crew

### Sound

Brendan Mulory  
(Board Op)

Quinn Blackburn (A2)

Morgan Oh

Olivia Perez

### Backstage

Megan Desmond (Captain)

Amber Tito

Devon Green (Captain)

Sophie Wylie

Casey DeVille

Rachel Fils-Aime

Sylvia Belanger

Arielle Harvey

### Set Building

Andy Ulloa

Megan Desmond

Mardnie Mentor

Amber Tito

Sophie Wylie

Emma Franznick

Joey Dammers

Rachel Fils-Aime

Sylvia Belanger

Arielle Harvey

Kianna Lopez

Eileen Flores

### Lighting

Andy Ulloa  
(Board Op)

Connor Dougal

Jackson Moren

### Light Hang

Andy Ulloa

Sophie Wylie

Joey Dammers

Rachel Fils-Aime

### Strike

Andy Ulloa

Sophie Wylie

Joey Dammers

## Who's Who in the Cast



**ZUBAIR ALI** (John McAdams/Moises Kaufman/Stephen Mead Johnson/Harry Woods) is a ninth grader at HHS and is thrilled to be a part of *The Laramie Project*. He hopes to continue in this wonderful program the high school has provided him. He previously was Jack in *Into the Woods*, Wickersham Brother #1 in *Seussical Jr.*, Augustus Gloop in *Willy Wonka Jr.*, and a Newspaper Boy in *New York Times* at the John Engeman Theater. He would like to thank Schwen for his endless patience and his family for the driving back and forth!



**ANDREW APRIGLIANO** (Judge/Writer/Jon Peacock) is so happy to be in his third production at HHS. His previous roles include; Steven in *Bring It On*, Ching Ho in *Thoroughly Modern Millie*, Doody in *Grease*, Rapunzel's Prince in *Into the Woods* and Professor Callahan in *Legally Blonde*. He would like to thank Schwen for giving him this wonderful opportunity to be in his first drama at the high school and hopes everyone enjoys the show.



**DANNY ARIAS** (Andrew Gomez/Gil Engen) is in the tenth grade. *The Laramie Project* is his first play in the high school. He

just wants to thank his mom for being supportive and Mrs. Krylicinski, who influenced him to try out for the play.



**AMARA AYLER** (Leigh Fondakowski/Romaine Patterson/Aaron Kreifils/Newsperson 4/Jury Foreman) is very excited

about *The Laramie Project*, her fifth show, and hopes you all enjoy the performance. The cast has worked very hard to give you a great performance, as well as having the best times together. As a senior, this is her second-to-last show at HHS, and although she's horribly sad to go, she has had the best time of her life with this cast, as well as past casts. Love, live DRAMA CLUB!



**JORDAN BIENER** (Mercedes Herreo/Reggie Fluty/Rebecca Hilliker/Waitress/Sherry Johnson/Shannon) is in her third year with the drama club at HHS. She is so glad to start off her senior year by being a part of another Drama Club production. She has previously been in the high school productions of *Beauty and the Beast*, *The Babbling Brooks*, *Don't Drink the Water* (Chef) and *The Little Mermaid* (Sebastian).

She is so excited to be a part of the cast of *The Laramie Project*. She wants to wish the rest of the cast the best of luck. She hopes everyone enjoys the show.

With much love and appreciation  
to our amazing director  
Schwen  
for his support, guidance  
and friendship!



**ISABELLA CAHILL**  
(Kelli Simpkins/Zackie Salmon/Alison Mears/Tiffany Edwards/Minister's Wife) is a

sophomore who is elated to be performing in her third show at HHS. She'd like to thank the cast along with Schwen for bringing together a wonderful show. She hopes you enjoy it!



**NATALIE CICCONE**  
(Kristin Price/Kerry Drake (Reporter)/Newsperson 3/Juror) is thrilled to perform

in this year's production of *The Laramie Project* at HHS. Her previous roles include Flounder in *The Little Mermaid Jr.*, Veruca Salt in *Willy Wonka Jr.*, The Little Red-Headed Girl in *You're a Good Man Charlie Brown*, and a Bird Girl in *Seussical Jr.* She hopes to continue performing in shows throughout her high school career and would like to thank both Mr. Schwendemann and the entire cast for making her first high school production a memorable one.



**PETER CICCONE**  
(Greg Pierotti/Sgt. Hing/Father Roger Schmitt/Jonas Slonaker/Rob Debree) is excited to be portraying many

characters in this drama.  
Question: What is your biggest fear?  
Answer: My dreams at night.  
Question: What is your favorite hobby?  
Answer: Building with legos  
Question: What is your favorite book?  
Answer: *Catcher in the Rye*.  
Question: What advice would you

give to your fans?  
Answer: Stay in school, don't do drugs, and follow your heart.



**LUIS CUJI** (Matt Galloway/Conrad Miller/Mormon Spiritual Advisor/Cal Rerucha) is appearing in his first

drama and second show overall! He's very excited to be doing such a powerful play that hits home in many aspects. He's aware of the positive huge changes for the LGBT+ community since then, and is proud of how we've evolved as a nation. However, Luis believes there's always room for progression. He hopes the audience can take something from the show and bring it home into their lives; we're all human at the end of the day.



**WILLIAM FALLON**  
(Philip Dubois/Murdoch Cooper/Dr. Cantway/Dennis Sheppard/Juror) is a junior in his fifth production

at HHS. He has been in *Don't Drink the Water* (Father Drobney) and *The Little Mermaid* (Chef Louis) at the high school as well. He is ready to perform and NO FURTHER INFO AVAILABLE.



**MADDIE HAUGHWOUT**  
(Student Director) is involved with her first drama at HHS. She's so proud of everyone for all of their hard work

and wishes everyone the best of luck. Maddie also loves string cheese.



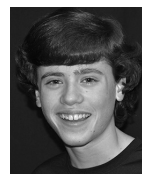
**ROBERT JEAN-GILLES**  
(Narrator/Shadow/Bailiff) is elated to be in his first high school drama performance.

Robert would like to thank his family for all the support that they have given him. He is extremely proud of his mother for helping him stay organized and not fall behind on school work. Also Robert would like to thank Mr. Schwendemann and appreciates all the notes that were given to him so that he could improve his performance. He hopes that you all will enjoy this performance of *The Laramie Project*.



**LJ KINDALL** (Amanda Gronich/Phil LaBrie/Russell Henderson's Home Teacher/Juror) is thankful, as always,

to be a part of the amazing, if bizarre, drama club family again this year. Do people even read these? Regardless, thanks.



**KEENAN LYONS**  
(Andy Paris/Jedediah Schultz/Russell Henderson/Anonymous friend of Aaron McKinney) appeared

in *Guys and Dolls* (Rusty Charlie) and *Carousel* (Enoch Snow Jr.) this past summer at the Manhattan School of Music. Last Spring he appeared as a Storyteller in the Cultural Arts Playhouse mainstage production of *Children of Eden*. He also appeared as Mr. Mayor in *Seussical* and earlier in 2016 Keenan performed as a soloist in Broadway's Next Generation at Carnegie Hall. In 2015 he appeared as the male lead, Logan, in PCI's production of *Reddi High*, an Off-Broadway Musical. In addition, he has per-

formed in productions of *Les Misérables* (Gavroche), *Beauty and the Beast* (Lefou), *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown* (Linus), *Nine* (Young Guido) and several other musicals. Keenan also is a violinist with the Gemini Youth Orchestra's Philharmonia, and has performed at Lincoln Center's Alice Tully Hall. Keenan is a freshman and thanks Mr. Schwendemann for this amazing opportunity and his fellow thespians for a wonderful "first drama" experience at HHS!



**AMELIA MAGGIO**  
(Eileen Engen/Catherine Connolly/Sherry Aenonson/Lucy Thompson) is so

excited to be in her first production at HHS!! When she was little she always saw their productions and wanted to be in them! Amelia has been acting since she was in fourth grade and her past credits include *Les Mis*, *Footloose*, and *Annie*. Thanks to the fantastic cast, crew, and directors for making me feel right at home! Break legs!



**AMELIA REILLY**  
(Barbara Pitts/April Silva/Zubaida Ula/Jeffrey Lockwood/Jen) is excited to be performing in her fourth

show at HHS. She would like to thank Schwen and the rest of the cast for everything and she hopes you all enjoy the show!



**LOGAN RICE** (Stephen Belber/Doc O'Connor/Bill McKinney/Fred Phelps/Aaron McKinney/Gov. Geringer) notes that performing in

*The Laramie Project* is on the very

sweet side of bittersweet. This is his fourth show with Drama Club, and unfortunately, as he is a senior, this will be his last fall drama. So far, Logan has portrayed The Beast (*Beauty and the Beast*), Krojack (*Don't Drink the Water*), and King Triton (*The Little Mermaid*). He'd like to thank his parents (for being so supportive and always driving him home from Drama Club), Mr. Schwendemann, Ms. Freed, the Stage Crew (this wouldn't be a HHS show without their expertise), and the entire cast for being so fun to work with. He hopes you enjoy!



**ABBY SEMELSBERGER**

(Doug Laws/Kerry Drake/Matt Mickelson) is so excited to be a part of this incredible production. She is a

freshman, this is her first show with Huntington High School, and she can't wait for more. Favorite roles include Frenchy (*Grease*), Gertrude Mcfuzz (*Seussical*), Snoopy (*You're A Good Man Charlie Brown*), and Violet (*Willy Wonka*). She would like to thank Mr Schwendemann and her fellow castmates for making this show so memorable and such a great experience!



**NICOLE SEVILLA**

(Newsperson 1/Juror) is proud to be part of the cast of *The Laramie Project*. She has been involved in past perfor-

mances including *Annie* (Hooverville Cook), *The Wizard of Oz* (member of the Lollipop Guild), *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* (ensemble), *Disney's Beauty and the Beast* (Wolf), and *Disney's The Little Mermaid* (Maid). Not only does she

enjoy the overall experience of performing but having the ability to bond with the cast. Although this is her very first and last fall drama, she has cherished every moment with Drama Club. In all, Nicole has been loving everything that has to do with this year's drama and can't wait for the spring musical!



**MADDIE SHEA** (Rulon Stacey/Marge Murray/Baptist Minister/Trish Steger) is thrilled to kick off her senior year in her seventh HHS Drama

Club production, *The Laramie Project*. She would like to thank the cast, crew, and staff for making these past few months such a fun learning experience. Favorite credits include: *Parade in Concert* at Lincoln Center with Jason Robert Brown (Broadway Festival Chorus, Music Supervisor: Tom Murray); *The Secret Garden* at Lincoln Center (Broadway Festival Chorus, Music Supervisor: Michael Kosarin, Dir: Stafford Arima); Mary Flynn in *Merrily We Roll Along* (Long Island Musical Theatre Festival); Helga in *Cabaret* (Long Island Musical Theatre Festival).



**FAITH YOUNGQUIST**

(Newsperson 2/Juror) is thrilled to be in her first production at HHS, *The Laramie Project*. In the past she has per-

formed in *The Little Mermaid Jr.*, *Willy Wonka Jr.*, and *You're a Good Man Charlie Brown*. She has also been a member of Nassau-Suffolk Performing Arts for five years. She would like to thank the cast, crew, and most importantly her mother and Mr. Schwendemann for their guidance and support. She hopes to continue being a part of the HS Drama Club.

*To the One and only:*

*Tommy Djilas, Dauntless, Macbeth, Hamlet, 'Stache, Beast, Ironworker, Commissar Krojack, King Neptune and*

*Aaron McKinney, Fred Phelps, Doc O'Connor, Steven Belber, Bill McKinney and Governor Geringer*

**Remember to have fun and always follow your dreams.**

**We are so proud of who you are!**

**Love,**

*Mom & Dad*



Congratulations to the cast and crew of  
The Laramie Project

**Break a leg Amelia Maggio!!!**

Love,  
Mom, Dad, Emily, Caroline and Charlotte  
Heidi, Mulligan and Ellie \* \* \*

Thanks for all you do Schwen!!



William,  
Mom and Dad are so proud  
of you!

You will be GREAT!

Break a Leg!

All of our

Love

Always!

**CONGRATULATIONS PETER & NATALIE  
AND THE ENTIRE CAST AND CREW  
of  
THE LARAMIE PROJECT  
We are so proud of all of you!  
The Ciccones**

CONGRATULATIONS  
**MADDIE**  
ON YET ANOTHER AWESOME PERFORMANCE  
ON THE HHS STAGE  
WE ARE SO VERY PROUD OF YOU  
LOVE,  
MOM, DAD, ALLIE AND STEPHANIE

Wishing the Cast and Crew of  
The Laramie Project  
a wonderful performance!  
The Lyons Family

Dear Mercedes and Reggie and Rebecca  
and Shannon and Sherry and Waitress  
and especially, Jordan —  
We love you beyond words. Infinity...  
Mom & Dad



*Congratulations  
to the fall drama team  
and  
best wishes for an incredible production.*

*We are so glad that Zubair is  
part of the magic.*

*The Ali Family*



*The Office of Fine and  
Performing Arts would  
like to congratulate the  
cast and crew of  
The Laramie Project.*

We are so proud of you  
Aubair Ali!

Love,  
Nama + Jan Jan

**Congratulations to the accomplished members of the  
HHS DRAMA CLUB!!**



**Looking forward to an outstanding performance of  
THE LARAMIE PROJECT!**

**Jim Dolansky  
Ken Card  
Kathie Acker**

## Boosters

Keenan, we wish you all the success in the world as you perform in your first High School drama. We are so proud of you and love you like crazy! – Mom, Dad & Katharine & Grandma

Congrats to the Cast and Crew of The Laramie Project. And a special shout out to the wonderful Mr. Schwendemann, thank you for all you do! – The Layons Family

To all my friends in the Cast and Crew of The Laramie Project: Amazing Talent, Amazing Experience, Amazing Schwendy! THANK YOU ALL! – Keenan

Maddie – So proud of you! Can't believe it's your 4th and final year of drama club! It feels like just yesterday you and I were on that stage together. I'm so proud of you balancing all of the rehearsals, schooling and college prep that you do. You're a star! So looking forward to seeing where your life takes you! Break legs! Love, Steph

Madeline – Congratulations and good luck! Another great job. You rock! Love, Allie.....and Buddy too!

Zubair we wish you great success in your first high school production. – Nama & Jan Jan

Zubair – we love you. Break a leg. – Love Mom, Pappa, Sabeena and Nadeera

To the cast and Schwen – Thank you for making this experience so amazing. Love you all.....Break a leg! – Abby

To Abbey – we are so proud of you! Best of luck with your first HHS production! – Love, Mom, Dad & Jack

Logan, Another great performance and wonderful future on your horizon. – Love Auntie Ann & Papa Tore

Wish we could be there, Logan! We know how talented you are and we're very proud of you. – Grandma & Grandpa

Logan, we don't want to miss any of your performances. You are so special and talented! – Aunt Pat & Uncle Pete

## Boosters

To an amazing group of actors and stage crew—and their fearless leader, Schwen! Your hard work and enthusiasm never lets us down! – From the Rice's

Robert – Break a leg and have fun on the stage! We are so very proud of you. – Love, Momma, Papap, Naine, Tatie, Tatie Babes, Tatie Danielle, Uncle Chris, Uncle Francky, Mom Cilia, Uncle Thierry, Mom Marie and Grandma from Queens.

So proud of you Zubair – the future holds many great things for you! – Love, The Hummel Family

Anne – Your talent and dedication to Drama Club are just as amazing as always. Once again, we have the greatest Display Case of all! We are very appreciative of your help and blessed by your friendship.

Deb – You really went above and beyond. We could not have pulled so much of this together without you! Drama Club is so lucky to have you.

Judy – For all you do and for always being there....we thank you!

Maggie – Thanks for never hesitating to lend a hand where it's needed. You are very much appreciated!

**The Huntington High School**

**Drama Club**

**invites you to join us again on**

**March 31st and April 1st**

**for our spring musical!**